Only 8 Agencies

All 10 Departments, 28 Other Offices on

20,000 OF 323,000 members of

C. C. c. now on full wartime

SALARY AND CLASSIFICATION

By J. A. FOX.

An amazing 20-month expan-

sion of governmental activities

which reputedly bear some rela-

tion to the war program was dis-

closed yesterday by a check of

Civil Service Commission records.

The 10 major departments and

28 independent establishments

have reported to the commission.

it was shown, that their func-

tions now are wholly or in part

Only eight agencies lay no claim

to participation in the war effort.

When the Nation started to rearm,

in the middle of 1940, only three

departments and eight independent

agencies or bureaus were classed as

defense organizations by the com-

The check was made in the light

of President Roosevelt's order for

a general survey of personnel to

determine the possibilities of di-

verting some of the non-defense

man power to war operations, and

halt the growth of the executive

agencies which now are employing

about 210,000 persons here as com-

Seven Departments Listed.

When the commission began to

classify agencies in defense and

non-defense groups in July, 1940,

in order to give the former prefer-

ence in filling personnel needs, the

defense category included the War,

Navy and State Departments, and

the National Advisory Committee

for Aeronautics, Civil Aeronautics

Authority, Maritime Commission.

Panama Canal, Federal Bureau of

Investigation (fingerprint unit),

Immigration and Naturalization

Service, Procurement, and the com-

At present, seven departments are

classified in their entirety, and

three in part, as defense agencies.

The former are State, War, Navy,

Justice, Agriculture, Commerce and

Labor. In the latter group are

Treasury, Interior and Post Office.

The last-named has only the in-

spection service and some person-

nel activities under the defense

The only independent establish-

ments which do not report defense

functions are: American Battle

Monuments Commission, Board of

Governors, Federal Reserve System,

Board of Tax Appeals, Government

Printing Office, Mount Rushmore

-National Mediation Board and

Interior Personnel Down.

dency was upward in November-

the last figures available-when the

Agriculture is down about 1,200

from the 1940 figure. November

employment standing at 12.682. La-

Of the independent agencies, 22

increased personnel over this same

The classification of an agency

mission itself.

pared to 131,000 on June 1, 1940.

of a defense nature.

Fail to Claim

War Status

Defense List

workers by Tydings.

Singapore Defenders Check Japs Despite Intensive Air Attacks; Flying Fortresses in Indies Raid

Counterattacks **Even Regain** Some Ground

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Singapore's defenders fought back in a blazing hell tonight, using tanks for the first time and subjecting the constricting Japanese lines to violent shelling from big shore guns, field batteries and war-

After six days of terrific battle, with the advantages of overwhelm- to a bewildered public. ing numbers and of continuous high. tough nut to crack. In fact, the dein counterattacks.

The British Imperials still held at say in Batavia tonight.

"Our troops counterattacked at one point at least and established a points:

Terrific Barrages Laid Down. Japanese broadcasts heard here rific barrages laid down from big coastal guns on Changi Point at the northeastern tip of the island and from other forts in that area, from Blakang Mati Islands south of Singapore City, from warships around the city and from mass artillery in the reservoir section north-

The Changi and Blakang Mati Island forts were erected to repel seaborne invasion, but the Japanese broadcasts did not make clear whether it was the biggest 14 and 18 inch artillery which were hammering their lines or the lesser bat

The Singapore broadcast heard in battle, and also mentioned 400 shells an hour fired by some heavy British defenses.

A number of wounded from Singapore, who arrived at Batavia, declared the defenders were fighting in a "blazing hell" with flames roaring around them, smoke billowing over them and Japanese relays of bombers dropping a hail of explosives in their midst.

No Thought of Evacuation. But there was no thought of a

military evacuation, these wounded "The imperial troops will fight to

the last man and the last round,' they said The civilian population has been fully mobilized to fight fires, par-

ticipate in passive defense and re- off one of the hottest fights yet in lieve distress, the refugee wounded the Indies. The communique, say-The people of Singapore sleep anywhere, civilians and soldiers

lying down side by side in streets, ditches, parks and the countryside. All normal business was at a standstill, but one newspaper kept (The German radio said early Sunday that latest Japanese dis-

patches from Singapore told of additional landings on the west coast of the island after heavy artillery preparations. (The invaders were said to

have made a further advance toward Panjang, about 6 miles northwest of Singapore City.)

Reach Paya Lebar Area. Today's communique said that

despite the stubborn dispute of been started accidentally. every inch of ground, the Japanese Apparently this meant that a A report, which was not immedi-

wedge had been shoved into the ately confirmed at the railroad office, ican operations. middle of the line, stretching in a said the bridge tender, W. B. Knoxgeneral north and south direction ville, was burned while attempting across the island from Tanglin, to extinguish the flames and that tirely to submarine tactics, the adabout 2 miles west of Singapore several other volunteer fire fighters dition of a powerful Nazi surface City, to the naval base on Johore

Whether the counterattack, subsequently announced by the broadcast heard in Batavia, was against this salient was not clear.

Japanese broadcasts declared they had occupied the Seletar naval base at noon today, and said their bombing attacks on 30 naval and merchant ships in Singapore harbor had set two 10,000-ton transports blazing and damaged a number of others with direct hits.

Ships Aid Reported.

These broadcasts asserted Jananese naval forces opened the way to the huge naval base, but it was not clear here how any Japanese citizens of other countries at war there inasmuch as big batteries pation authorities. were still active at the mouth of Johore Strait.

Batavia said some of these big guns French prisoners who either escaped nationals (besides army men) of a smashed the causeway which con- or did not have proper release nects the island with the mainland papers. sable. This tended to confirm a existed only for persons Japanese claim that they had tem- sheltering or hiding escaped prison- were speculating as to whether the

Many Suicide Attacks Made In Channel Fight, British Say

One Destroyer Dashed Across Mine Fields, Ploughed Close to Enemy Before Firing

(Text of Admiralty Statement on Page A-19.)

LONDON, Feb. 14.-The men and officers of the British Navy made not one but many suicide attacks Thursday in the wild and stormy battle of the English Channel in gallant effort to bring down the speeding German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and their escorts, the Admiralty said tonight in a long explanation

low and dive bombing to shatter a miralty reported, however, that such gallant foe, the Japanese still were was the mist, the splash from shell before throwing over her helm and finding Singapore an exceedingly and bombs and the billows of smoke loosing her torpedoes in the very from careening warships that not a fenders even regained some ground man in the British Navy can be other rifles of her heavily-armed sure of what damage was done.

The Admiralty's statement was isleast two of the water reservoirs sued as a clamoring British public the swarm of dive-bombers overfrom which to quench the thirst of asked why, and how, the British head, she fired her torpedoes "just thousands of civilians at their back, navy permitted the German fleet to as if it had been a peace-time the Singapore radio was heard to steam defiantly to freedom past exercise," the Admiralty said. Then England's very front door.

fellows straight across treacherous enemy to have finished her off." mine fields because she had no time admitted they had encountered ter- to detour, ploughed up to within

Dutch Defenders Report

(That a stubborn fight for the

Indies is impending was indi-

cated, too, by Australian broad-

casts which declared that Aus-

tralian troops and other British

Imperials-presumably Indians-

were arriving in Batavia and

"are taking up positions for the

defense" of the key island of

The invasion of the 1,000-mile

(See INDIES, Page A-4.)

Aquia Creek Bridge Fire

Delays Six D. C. Trains

and the South last night.

fell into Aquia Creek.

Java.)

Wiping Out of Enemy

'Chutists by Dozens

With picturesque words, the Ad- 2,500 yards—less than a mile and a half-of one of the battleships muzzles of the 11-inch guns and

Although hit by one bomb from hit by another bomb and blazing The statement disclosed these forward, she was in such shape, the statement added, that "it would 1. One destroyer, dashing with ner have been an easy matter for the 2. Six Swordfish torpedo-carrying

(See BATTLE, Page A-7.)

U. S., British Officers See Roosevelt on Southern Sumatra Strategy Revision

Parley Climaxes Series Of Axis Victories on Atlantic, Pacific Fronts

By JOHN C. HENRY. BATAVIA, Netherlands Indies, Prompted by recent Axis suc-Batavia said British tanks went into Feb. 14.—The battle for the cesses on major war fronts to reaction for the first time during the Netherlands Indies began in examine the fighting strategy of earnest today, even before the the United Nations, ranking ofbattle of Singapore was finished, ficers of the American and Britfield artillery supported by the shore when picked Japanese assault ish armed services conferred area of Palembang in Sumatra. House yesterday.

They were met by defenders who wiped out parachutists by the Russian, Chinese and Dutch gov- gunning, reconnoitering, or all three. ernments, other front-line fighting powers in the United Nations bloc, participated in a series of parleys in this war capital of the anti- ress in Manila Bay followed a two-Axis world.

It climaxed, also, an uninter- the Army reported that no materuoted string of reverses in which rial damage was done. extension of Japanese victories in the Southwest Pacific was matched by the spectacular freeing of a troops are entrenching their posiheavy German naval squadron on titons" was without amplification. the Atlantic front. This latter de- Some observers saw in it, however, long island of Sumatra had touched suppression of British offensive ing parachutists were being killed operation with the Axis, has created a grave threat to the entire margin of power thus far enjoyed by Two Men Fatally Hurt

the United Nations in the Atlantic. Steps to Match Threat. Steps to match the Atlantic threat, which may manifest itself in simul-A two-hour fire on the Richmond, taneous heavy thrusts at the British-Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad American North Atlantic supply line Bridge at Aquia Creek, about 10 and in establishment of outright miles north of Fredericksburg, tied Axis control in western Africa, are up six trains between Washington believed to have been the principal The blaze was said by officials at White House consultation.

the R. F. & P. office in Fredericks-With American garrisons already burg to have started in the bridge holding the United outposts in tender's house in the middle of the North Ireland, Iceland, Greenland half-mile-long span shortly before and Newfoundland, and the major 8:30 p.m. It was believed to have strength of the United States Atlantic fleet engaged for months past The ticket agent's office said more in guarding the supply lines to the had driven from the race course, than 100 Marines from Quantico British Isles and their northward water reservoir and rail line section assisted volunteer firemen and rail- extension to Russia, the anticipated northwest of the city into the Paya road employes from Fredericksburg emergence of the re-enforced Ger-Lebar area, a village about 3 miles in fighting the flames before traffic man fleet from its Helgoland base was resumed at about 10:30 p.m. becomes of immediat concern to commanders of joint British-Amer-

> Since German interference thus far has been confined almost enfleet obviously will force a revision The blaze was confined chiefly to of defense strategy if the feared the southbound railroad tracks, it break-through is to be blocked in the North Atlantic sector. was said, but the extent of damage If there should be simultaneous could not be determined until after

(See STRATEGY, Page A-12.)

Vichy Orders Death for Persons Helping Americans to Hide

VICHY, Feb. 14.—Nazi authorities decreed the death penalty tonight published by the Paris press. They for any one helping Americans or warships could have managed to get with Germany to hide from occu-

The death penalty also was ex- said: tended to any one aiding in any The Singapore broadcast heard in way members of an enemy army or

Friday night and again made it im- Until now, the death penalty the German authorities." porarily bridged the original break ers and members of enemy armed order overstepped the limits of caused by British dynamiting two forces, such as R. A. F. flyers who reciprocity in dealing with enemy had been forced down.

The new measures were announced in a German communique followed numerous warnings and threats of punishment against persons harboring fallen aviators.

The passage referring to the penalty for harboring enemy aliens

"Equally liable to the death penalty is anybody aiding any other country at war with the Reich with the intention of hiding them from

Hit Is Believed Scored on Ship In Macassar

The biggest concentration of huge, four-engined United States Army bombers yet reported in the Pacific campaign attacked Japanese shipping yesterday in the Macassar area, a theater in which the United Nations have struck some of their hardest blows at the enemy.

A War Department communique late yesterday said that 12 bombers of the flying fortress type attacked enemy shipping and that "while results were not completely ascertained" it was believed that at least one big ship was hit. Subsequently a large fire was observed in the area of attack, the department said.

The presence of 12 of the big planes in one group led to belief in some quarters here that this indicated reinforcements of heavy aircraft were reaching the Indies area. The biggest previously reported flight was on January 28, eight four-engined Army planes engaged in one operation.

All Return Safely.

The part of the communique concerning the raid read: "Twelve heavy American Army bombers of area. The results were not completely ascertained, but it is believed that at least one large enemy ship est type (structurally speaking) are was hit and, subsequently, a large paid the same hourly wage as the fire was observed in the area of the attack. All of our planes returned structures or permanent Federal Normandie Inquiry fire was observed in the area of the men who erect the monumental

munique on the Philippine situation said in telling also of "aggressive infantry skirmishes" and heavy artillery exchanges on Bataan Pe-

Enemy aircraft were active on all troops in 100 fighter-protected with President Roosevelt for parts of the Philippine front deplanes attacked the oil-refining nearly two hours at the White fended by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his men, the communique said, The meeting climaxed a week in without disclosing whether the Japwhich qualified spokesmen of the anese flyers were bombing, machine-

No Material Damage Done.

The shelling of Corregidor Fortday lull in such activity and again

Word from Gen. MacArthur that struction. "in some sections of the front enemy velopment, coupled with continued corroboration of statements by captured Japanese that the invaders strength in North Africa and in- particularly disliked the accurate creasing danger of French naval co- shooting of the American gun crews.

In Virginia Traffic

Two men were fatally injured in Virginia auto accidents late last scale for public-financed projects. fax, Va., died in Georgetown Hospital early today of injuries received order of business at yesterday's in an accident on route 211 near jobs

> on route 1 about two miles south of financed) and one it made last ported slightly injured, while direct- velopment, both in Southeast Washing traffic after the accident.

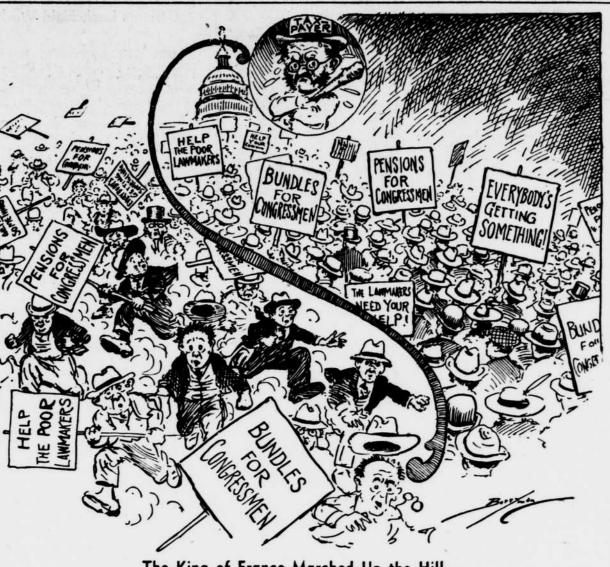
Churchill May Delay Address Scheduled On Radio Today By the Associated Press.

LONDON (Sunday), Feb 15.—The possibility developed early today that Prime Minister Churchill would not carry out a radio broadcast to Britain and the United States which had been tentatively scheduled for 9 o'clock tonight (4 p.m. Eastern War Time). Perhaps significantly, the

British Broadcasting Corp. which is usually prompt to advise the public about important radio statements, made no mention in its late night news bulletin last night about a possible Churchill broadcast.

There was no information at the Prime Minister's residence No. 10 Downing street, concerning Mr. Churchill's Sunday

In New York the Columbia Broadcasting System, which, along with N. B. C. and Mutual, had arranged to relay the broadcast on all networks, said that it had been advised from London that the Churchill speech was now "very indefiand one authoritative source, according to C. B. S., said the address would "probably not" be made.



The King of France Marched Up the Hill—

Consequences of Fire

Vandenberg Declares

By the Associated Press.

ceedings should be had."

for the court.

Senate tomorrow.

was equally criminal."

that side of the Capitol.

members of the court are Capt.

Vandenberg Asks Probe.

At the Capitol, Senator Vanden-

Second to Pearl Harbor,

'Prevailing Wage' as Practiced Adds Millions to Housing Cost

Workers on Bungalows Get Same Scale As Those at New War Building

By JAMES Y. NEWTON.

The \$100,000,000 public program to house war workers in Washington, now unfolding on several fronts, will cost the Govthe flying fortress type attacked ernment several millions more unless it changes its established enemy shipping in the Macassar policy of paying, even on the lowest-rent defense projects, the highest union wage scale for building trade workers. Those engaged on Government housing projects of the cheap-

office buildings in the Capital. That Japanese artillery on the Cavite higher than paid by private build- IS Opened by Navy; shore again has bombarded Ameri- ers on low-rental housing and concan harbor defenses in Manila Bay, siderably above rates paid for albut ineffectually, a morning com- most all of the city's most elaborate financed.

That situation exists because the Labor Department, working under the Bacon-Davis "prevailing wage" law, has established, without any extensive investigation, the full union scale as prevailing wages here for Government residential building. doing that the department ignored wages paid on private projects, which still comprise a vast majority of residential buildings. It also overlooked the establishment by organized labor of "B" unions in many crafts whose members work on private jobs at a scale far below that required by the older or "A' unions, whose work largely is on Government or commercial con-

Wage Rates Set Up. The department has predetermined wage rates for all Govern- able." ment construction since the Bacon-Davis Act was amended in August, 1935. Briefly, the act provides for payment on Government work the wage found to be prevailing in a community for projects "of a similar character to the contract work."

The department has further confused its position by setting wages for F. H. A.-sponsored rental housing developments far under its night. Benford Newman, 31, of Fair- There are thousands of units around Washington in this privately owned, Government-insured developments, more in fact than in all the public

A pedestrian identified by police Department determinations of hourly as Leonard Crupper was instantly rates for the latest Alley Dwelling killed when hit by a passenger auto Authority project (Government Alexandria. A State trooper was re- autumn for an F. H. A. rental deington. Each scale was held to be "prevailing," though the A. D. A. rate undoubtly will be paid here for all defense housing: Type of worker.

A. D. A. F. H. A. rate. Bricklayers _____\$1.75 \$1.25 Carpenters _____ 1.62 1.00 Cement finishers ____ 1.50 1.00 Electricians _____ 1.80 Iron workers ____ 2.00 1.00 Painters 1.71 3/7 Plasterers _____ 2.00 Plumbers _____ 1.75 Shovel operators 2.00 1.00 Roofers (composit'n) 1.55

Roofers (slate and tile) Sheet metal workers 1.75 Steel fitters_____ 1.75 Tile setters _ ___ 1.50 Truck drivers ___ up to 1.00 The department explanation for

the great difference in rates in that (Continued on Page A-5, Column 1.)

Child Labor to Harvest California Fruits By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—Women and children will have to harvest

American Fruit Growers.

Here to confer with California by Mrs. Roosevelt. fruit growers, Mr. Crutchfield said Those functions, he said, "so V. McNutt. there would be no fruit shortage. splendidly and inspirationally being The House, in approving the \$100,- truth." all sections of the country."

field, member of the board of the

Here Tomorrow for Selective Service

An estimated 80,000 men, many of them veterans of the First World War, will crowd the District's 50 school registration centers tomorrow in a nationwide Selective Service registratien that will add about 9,000,-000 men to the roll of potential United States combatants in World War No. 2.

Congress Uniz Sought with Maryland and Virginia legnearby counties are expected to add 32,000 men, the District registration will start at 7 a.m. and continue until 9 p.m. when every previously unregistered between the ages of 20 and 44, inclusive, who is not exempted by law, must have registered.

Secretary of the Navy Knox disclosed yesterday that a naval court has begun an investigation of the Normandie disaster, while at the Capitol demands developed for a Congressional inquiry into the fire which swent the former French liner last law, who were born between Febru-A three-man court of inquiry

Names Go at End of Lists.

headed by Rear Admiral Lamar R. Leghy, retired, is investigating, the Navy announced, and information "compatible with military security will be released as soon as avail-It was added that if the court determined that offenses "have been mined by lottery to be held in midcommitted or serious blame incurred March. it will recommend what further pro-

lective Service headquarters an- always been accompanied by in-In addition to Admiral Leahy, nounced all was in readiness for the creased personnel. Interior, reportenrollment which will be handled Harry E. Shoemaker, U. S. N., re- by 5,000 volunteer registrars, many has about 2,500 employes less than tired, and Capt. Frederick E. Hae- of whom assisted in the two previous on June 1, 1940, although the tenberle. Lt. Robert L. Johnson, U. S. draft registrations. N., retired, is the judge advocate Special registrars will visit hospi-

tal wards while others will make local force was shown at 4.643. the rounds of police precincts to handle registrations. Besides the 50 schools, a registra-

berg. Republican, of Michigan told tion center has been set up at selec- bor, which lost several hundred reporters he had drafted a resolu- tive service headquarters, in the old employes of the Immigration and tion calling for an inquiry by the National Guard Armory, Sixth and Naturalization Service to Justice, Senate Naval Committee and would Pennsylvania avenue N.W., for the showed 2,311 at work on November press for its consideration by the registration of transients and spe- 30, as compared with 2,390 on June cial registrars will be dispatched to 1, 1940. All the other departments the homes of incapacitated regis- have grown. The disabling of the ship, which keeled over on her side in New York | trants.

Congress Group to Enroll. Harbor after the fire raged for hours, must have been caused, Senator Vandenberg declared, "either by sabotage or carelessness that Representative Bates, Republican, of Massachusetts has proposed an inquiry by the House Naval Affairs Committee, but there has been no indication of prospective action on Representatives, will begin at 9 a.m. However, Chairman Walsh of the sional eligibles have registered. Senate Naval Committee, when told

of Senator Vandenberg's plan, said | South Dakota will miss the registrahe approved of it and promised a tion by nine months—he was 45 last thorough exploration" by his group May-and Senator Russell, Demo-(See NORMANDIE, Page A-12.) | (See REGISTRATION, Page A-3.)

80,000 to Register

Maryland and Virginia Counties Nearby Expected To Enroll 32,000

Officials emphasized that youths who have reached their 20th birthday since last December 31 will not heading. be required to register. The forthcoming enrollment takes in only unregistered men, not exempted by ary 17, 1897, and December 31, 1921.

The names of the men who regis-National Memorial Commission, Nater in this enrollment will go at the tional Capital Park and Planning bottom of local board lists, accord-Commission and two railroad groups ing to latest information from national Selective Service headquar-Railroad Retirement Board. Their ters. The order in which they will total employment is 9,592 of which be placed on the list will be deter-7.336 is in the printing office. By noon yesterday, District Sewith the defense group has not

Six Senators and approximately 70 period and seven showed a falling Representatives are expected to be off. There were six agencies created among the District registrants. A as result of the arms programspecial registration booth will be set hence no change—and the Mount up in the Capitol rotunda, manned Rushmore National Memorial Comby members of the District Depart- (Continued on Page A-8, Column 1.) ment of the American Legion in uniform. Registration in the rotunda, limited only to senators and Roosevelt Urges Americans and continue until all the Congres- To Think in World Terms Senator Gurney, Republican, of

must think in terms of entire peoples and continents, not coun-

By the Associated Press.

tries. President Roosevelt said tonight in a letter read over four major broadcasting systems and sent by shortwave around the The message was read by Archioald MacLeish, chief of the Office

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Americans

of Facts and Figures, in the first of a radio series-"This Is War!"donated by the four major networks and sent over approximately 700 "The people of this country pos-

each other which enable them to

face and to overcome the greatest difficulties in the way of understanding," the President wrote. "I am especially gratified to note

torship as soon as organization work for the first time, the four major networks and their hundreds of affiliated stations have given their time to the telling of facts to the people of the United States and those throughout the world-Health and Welfare headed by Paul wherever people are allowed to listen to free words-to hear the

> Radio Programs Page E-4 Complete Index Page A-2

0. C. D. Should Limit Activity To Protection, La Guardia Says The Office of Civilian Defense would leave the protective activities should confine its operations to of civilian defense where they beprotective activities, and the perma- long-in a separate agency of Gov-

retiring director, reported to President Roosevelt yesterday.

In the category of activities which the bulk of the Nation's fruit crop might properly be transferred, the is completed. this year, says James H. Crutch- Mayor placed most of those now under jurisdiction of the Voluntary Participation Division, administered

nent agencies of Government should ernment, closely tied in with the take over functions in related fields, military and naval forces and co-Mayor La Guardia of New York, operating with local government." Mrs. Roosevelt has said she will esign her assistant O. C. D. direc-

It has been reported that functions of her division may be transferred to the Office of Defense

"School children probably will do planned, might well have been, and 000,000 fund for civilian defense, most of the picking," he said. "A perhaps eventually will have to denied use of any part of it for normal crop is in sight in nearly be, transferred to existing perma- dance training of children, the nent divisions of Government. This (See LA GUARDIA, Page A-12.)